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SUBJ: NPG - NIKE HERCULES IN FRG

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1. DURING CONVERSATION ON SEPTEMBER 3, FRG NPG STAFF GROUP REP (MERKL) TOLD MISSION OFFICER THAT HE PLANNED TO COMMENT AT SEPTEMBER 8 STAFF GROUP MEETING ON RECENT FRG MOD STATEMENT CONCERNING REPORTS OF PENTAGON PLANS TO REDUCE NUMBER OF US NIKE HERCULES BATTERIES STATIONED IN FRG. HE NOTED CONCERN OF HIS AUTHORITIES REGARDING THIS MATTER. MISSION OFFICER SAID HE HAD SEEN PRESS REPORT ON THIS SUBJECT, BUT DID NOT HAVE KNOWLEDGE OF STATEMENT ATTRIBUTED TO PENTAGON SOURCE ON PROPOSED NIKE HERCULES REDUCTIONS.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE SEEN SEPTEMBER 2 AP PRESS REPORT ON FRG MOD STATEMENT DISCLAIMING KNOWLEDGE OF PLANS, ATTRIBUTED TO A "PENTAGON SOURCE", FOR REDUCTION OF U.S. NIKE HERCULES BATTERIES IN FRG. WE WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE BY SEPTEMBER 8 ON RESPONSE WE SHOULD MAKE IF FRG REP RAISES THIS SUBJECT AT SEPTEMBER 8 NPG STAFF CONFIDENTIAL

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GROUP MEETING, AND ON HANDLING POSSIBLE PRESS QUERIES.BRUC

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